assistance in investigation!, prosecutions search and seizure of evidence. It is also designed to strengthen the existing co-operation between India and UK in combating drug trafficking.

Ethnic Violence in Arunachal Pradesh

2349. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to certain reports indicating eruption of ethnic violence in Arunachal I'radesh is imminent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken measures to check such violence in thf state: and

(d) if so, details thereof, and if not, the ins therefor?

i HI: MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEEDJ : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. I he All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union (AAPSU) has been carrying on an agitation in Arunachal Pradesh sinco August, 1994 demanding expulsion oi all foreigners including the Chakrna and Hajong refugees from the state, Reports of intimidation and assaults on the Chakrna and Hajong refugees were received. Some of these refugees had temporarily taken shelter in neighbouring Assam State.

and (dt Immediately on receipt of the reports, State Government was advised to tal for the safely and all residents including Chakrna and Hajong refugees. Additional units of f entral Para Military Forces were also placed at the disposal of State Government. State Government was also advised to ensure normal supply of essential commodities and proper medical facilities in the refugee settlements.

Setting up of National Memorial

2350. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS he pleased to state :

(a) whether on an average, abouL 1,000 (one thousand) police personnel lose their lives every year while performing their duties ;

(b) whether, as a measure to boost the morale of the police and to improve it* public image, Government >/oulrt set up at a conspicuous place, a nai onal memorial on the lines of Amar Jav. an Jyoti ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor V

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HON! \FFAIRS fSHRl P, M. SAYEED.i: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Police Organisations have taken the lead for construction of a lal Police Memorial at a suitable site.

(c) Docs not arise.

Smuggling through Indo-Bangladesh Border

2351. SHRI IOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware or the facts that large number of cattle, huge quantity of rice, sugar, salt, edible oil and medicine are being smuggled daily through Indo-Bangladesh Border in the district oi Murshidabad in West Bengal; and

(b) if so. how many agencies like Customs, BSF are there to prevent such types of smuggling and ihe extent of expenditure incurred to maintain these agencies ?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to tie long and porous nature of the Indo Bangladesh border, smuggling ot cattle and commodities takes place the border including the areas bordering Murshidabid district of West Rengal.

The Central Government have employed Customs and Border Security Force to l iggling of the cattle and above mentioned consumer goods. Also there are State Government functionaries. The expenditure incurred for seven Customs units in the district of Murshidabad is approximately Rs. 7 to 8 lakhs per year. of BSF are deployed in urshidabad sector and the expenditure on pay and allowances wo.ks out to lakhs per month, which cannot entirely be deemed as nnti-smugcling expenditure as these BSF personnel perform policing and anti-infiltrat'on duties also.

Smuggling and Infiltration from Bangladesh

2352. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to slate :

(a) whether the twin problems of smuggling and infiltration from Bangladesh has been contained so far.

(bl whether Bangladesh Rifles have refused to lake back infiltrators intercepted by the Indian authorities ;

whether during the last decade there has been abnormal increase in the population of West Bengal's districts bordering Bangladesh ; and

id) what action is being 1;ik<-n bv Govern in the matter '.'